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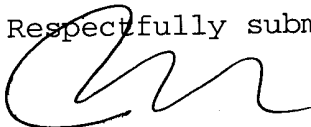
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Enclosures: substitute set of formal drawings
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Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers

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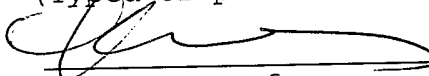
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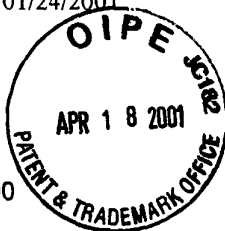


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